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| 1 | 6. (Newly Added) A printer, comprising:                  |
| 2 | (a) a main body including a storage space and a printing |

3 section;

4           said storage space having an opening, and storing a  
5 printing sheet therein,

6           (b) a cover disposed to cover said opening and said  
7 printing section of said main body,

8           said cover being installed to be freely opened and  
9 closed at said main body, and

10          (c) a sheet cutting mechanism for cutting said printing  
11 sheet,

12           said sheet cutting mechanism including a first sheet  
13 cutting mechanism disposed on said cover and a second sheet  
14 cutting mechanism disposed on said main body,

15           said a first sheet cutting mechanism and second sheet  
16 cutting mechanism cutting said printing sheet.

1           7. (Newly Added) The printer of claim 6,  
2           wherein said second sheet cutting mechanism installed  
3 opposing said first sheet cutting,

4           said printing sheet stored in said storage space flows  
5 said printing section, and

6           said printing sheet is cut by said first sheet cutting  
7 mechanism and second sheet cutting mechanism.

1           8. (Newly Added) The printer of claim 6,  
2           wherein said first sheet cutting mechanism is disposed  
3 at an opening end of said cover.

1           9.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 6,

2           wherein said first sheet cutting mechanism has a  
3 stationary blade fixed to said cover, and has a length longer than  
4 the width of said printing paper,

5           said second sheet cutting mechanism has movable blade  
6 movably disposed in said main body,

7           said. stationary blade and said movable blade cut said  
8 printing sheet, by moving of said. movable blade.

1           10.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 9,

2           wherein said stationary blade is a strip shape having

3 longer length than a width of said printing sheet,  
4 said printing sheet placed along said stationary blade,  
5 said second sheet cutting mechanism has a standby  
6 position which is placed at a side direction of said printing sheet,  
7 when said movable blade is stood still, said movable  
8 blade is placed at said standby position,  
9 said movable blade is movably disposed along a length  
10 direction of said stationary blade,  
11 said movable blade moves along a side surface of said  
12 stationary blade, while said printing sheet is place between said  
13 movable blade and said stationary blade, and  
14 said printing sheet is cut.

1 11. (Newly Added) The printer of claim 10,  
2 wherein said movable blade is placed at a place  
3 separated from an end of said stationary blade, when said movable  
4 blade is stood still at said standby position.

1 12.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 11,  
2 wherein said movable blade is placed at a place  
3 separated from said side surface of said stationary blade, when said  
4 movable blade is stood still at said standby position.

1 13.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 12,  
2 wherein second sheet cutting mechanism further  
3 includes a spring mechanism,  
4 when said movable blade moves, said spring mechanism  
5 pushes said movable blade to said side surface.

1 14.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 13,  
2 wherein said main body further includes a slope,  
3 said slope is disposed at a place opposing said standby  
4 position,  
5 said movable blade is pushed to said slope by said  
6 spring mechanism, moves along said slope, and contacts to said  
7 side surface of said stationary blade.

1 15.(Newly Added) The printer of claim 6,  
2 wherein a sheet outlet port is formed at a space between

an end of said storage space and an inner surface of said cover,.  
said printing sheet stored in said storage space flows  
said sheet outlet port and said printing section, and  
said printing sheet is cut by said first sheet cutting  
mechanism and said second cutting mechanism.

16.(Newly Added) A method for cutting a printing  
sheet of a printer, comprising the steps of:

(a) supplying a printer of claim 1,  
(b) opening said cover, and setting a printing sheet in  
said storage space,  
(c) closing said cover,  
(d) flowing said sheet through said printing section, and  
through a space between said main body and said cover,  
(e) moving at least one of said first sheet cutting  
mechanism and said second sheet cutting mechanism.

17.(Newly Added) The method for cutting a printing  
sheet of claim 16,

wherein at said step (c), said second sheet cutting  
mechanism installed opposing said first sheet cutting, when said  
cover is closed,

at said step (d), said printing sheet stored in said  
storage space flows said printing section, and

at said step (e), said printing sheet is cut by said first  
sheet cutting mechanism and second sheet cutting mechanism.

18.(Newly Added) The method for cutting a printing  
sheet of claim 16,

wherein said first sheet cutting mechanism has a  
stationary blade fixed to said cover, and has a length longer than  
the width of said printing paper,

said second sheet cutting mechanism has movable blade  
movably disposed in said main body,

said step (e) includes the step of moving said movable  
blade along said stationary blade, and cutting said printing sheet by  
said stationary blade and said movable blade.

- 1                   19.(Newly Added) The method for cutting a printing  
2 sheet of claim 16,  
3                   wherein at said step (c), said movable blade is placed at  
4 a place separated from an end of said stationary blade and from  
5 said side surface of said stationary blade, when said movable blade  
6 is stood still at said standby position,  
7                   at said step (e), said movable blade moves along a side  
8 surface of said stationary blade, while said printing sheet is place  
9 between said movable blade and said stationary blade, and said  
10 printing sheet is cut.
- 1                   20.(Newly Added) The method for cutting a printing  
2 sheet of claim 16,  
3                   wherein second sheet cutting mechanism further  
4 includes a spring mechanism,  
5                   at said step (e), said spring mechanism pushes said  
6 movable blade to said side surface, when said movable blade  
7 moves.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention simplifies the operation to set the printing sheet in the printer. The present invention includes main body, storage space for printing sheet, which is disposed in the main body and having a top opening, cover which is installed at the top opening of the storage space and can be freely opened and closed, printing sheet stored in the storage space, sheet outlet port formed between the opening end of the cover and the storage space wall opposing thereto, printing section disposed below the sheet outlet port, and sheet cutting means disposed below the printing section, wherein the sheet cutting means includes stationary blade disposed on the opening end of the cover located below the printing section, and movable blade disposed on the main body portion opposing to the stationary blade.

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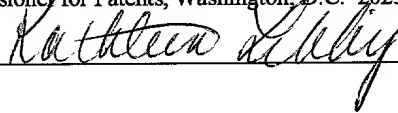
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IN THE CLAIMS:

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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention simplifies the operation to set the printing sheet in the printer. The present invention includes main body-(1), storage space-(3) for printing sheet-(2), which is disposed in the main body-(1) and having a top opening, cover (4) which is installed at the top opening of the storage space (3) and can be freely opened and closed, printing sheet (2)-stored in the storage space-(3), sheet outlet port-(5) formed between the opening end of the cover-(4) and the storage space wall opposing thereto, printing section-(6) disposed below the sheet outlet port-(5), and sheet cutting means (7)-disposed below the printing section-(6), wherein the sheet cutting means (7)-includes stationary blade (10) disposed on the opening end of the cover (4)-located below the printing section-(6), and movable blade (13)-disposed on the main body (1)-portion opposing to the stationary blade-(10).

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## Description

### Printer

#### 5 Technical Field

The present invention relates to a printer.

#### Background Art

10 A conventional printer comprises a main body, a storage  
space for printing sheet, which is disposed in the main body  
and having a top opening, a cover which is installed at the  
top opening of the storage space and can be freely opened and  
closed, a printing sheet stored in the storage space, a sheet  
15 outlet port formed between the opening end of the cover and  
the storage space wall opposing thereto, a printing section  
disposed below the sheet outlet port, and a sheet cutting  
means disposed below the printing section.

The problem of the conventional printer is that the  
operation to set the printing sheet is complicated.

20 That is, in the sheet cutting means of the conventional  
printer, both of a stationary blade and a movable blade are  
installed at the main body side. Accordingly, when setting  
the printing sheet, it is necessary to pull the end of the  
printing sheet out of the sheet outlet and, after that, to  
25 let the printing sheet pass between the stationary blade and

the movable blade below the printing section. Particularly, since the gap between the stationary blade and the movable blade is very narrow, the operation to pass the printing sheet between the stationary blade and the movable blade is  
5 troublesome.

### Summary of the Invention

The present invention is intended to simplify the printing sheet setting operation.

10 In order to achieve the purpose, the printer of the present invention has a sheet cutting means which comprises a first cutting blade installed at the opening end of the cover located below the printing section, and a second cutting blade installed at the main body portion opposing to the  
15 first cutting blade.

As is seen in this configuration, since the first cutting blade of the sheet cutting means is disposed at the opening end of the cover, the printing sheet is stored in the storage space, and the end of the printing sheet is brought out of  
20 the sheet outlet port until at least reaching the printing section before closing the cover. In this way, the first cutting blade disposed on the cover is opposed to the second cutting blade at the main body side, thereby composing the sheet cutting means. Accordingly, it is possible to simplify  
25 the operation to set the printing sheet.

### Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a sectional view of essential parts of the printer in one embodiment of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of essential parts of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cover of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the mounting frame attached to the cover of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the movable blade of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the movable blade of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a sectional view of the movable blade of the printer shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 8 is a sectional view of the movable blade of the printer shown in Fig. 1.

### Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

One embodiment of the present invention will be described in the following with reference to the drawings.

As shown in Fig. 1, the printer of the present embodiment comprises a main body 1, a storage space 3 for printing sheet 2, which is disposed in the main body 1 and having a top opening, a cover 4 which is installed at the top opening of the storage space 3 and can be freely opened and closed, a sheet outlet port 5 formed between the opening end of the cover 4 and the storage space wall opposing thereto, a

printing section 6 disposed below the sheet outlet port 5, and a sheet cutting means 7 disposed below the printing section 6.

The storage space 3 is concavely formed by the main body 1, and there is provided the cover 4 thereabove.

The cover 4 has a shaft hole 4a at the bottom right portion of the cover as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. By a shaft 8 of Fig. 1 inserted into the shaft hole 4a, the cover 4 is disposed at the top opening of the storage space 3 and can be freely opened and closed.

Also, a mounting frame 9 shown in Fig. 4 is installed at the bottom left of the cover 4, and a stationary blade 10 as a first cutting blade protruding to the left is disposed at the upper part of the mounting frame 9. Also, a cylindrical platen roller 12 is rotatably disposed by a shaft 11 at the lower part of the mounting frame 9.

Also, when the cover 4 is closed as shown in Fig. 1, a thermal head as the printing section 6 is located opposing to the platen roller 12.

And a movable blade 13 as a second cutting blade composing the sheet cutting means 7 is disposed together with the stationary blade 10 above the printing section 6.

A mounting frame 14 for the movable blade 13 is engaged with a screw thread 15 shown in Fig. 1, and the screw thread 15 is rotated in one direction by motor 16, then the movable

blade 13 makes a reciprocal motion in the groove provided in the surface.

That is, as shown in Fig. 8, the movable blade 13 stays in the standby position outside the stationary blade 10, and is actuated by spring 17 against the upper surface of the stationary blade 10 outside the end of printing sheet 2 as shown in Fig. 7, Fig. 5 and Fig. 6. Thus, the movable blade 13 moves from the standby position while sliding on the surface of the stationary blade 10.

And in this way, the printing sheet 2, after printing at the printing section 6, is cut and separated by the sheet cutting means 7 comprising these stationary blade 10 and movable blade 13.

In addition, since the stationary blade 10 is disposed at the opening end of the cover 4, the printing sheet 2 is stored in the storage space 3, the end of the printing sheet 2 is brought out of the sheet outlet port 5 until at least reaching the printing section 6 before the cover 4 is closed. Thus, the stationary blade 10 disposed on the cover 4 is opposed to the movable blade 13 at the main body side, composing the sheet cutting means 7. Accordingly, it is possible to simplify the operation to set the printing sheet 2.

Further, since the cover 4 has the stationary blade 10 as a first cutting blade, it is possible to make the cover 4

compact. And thereby, the storage space 3 can be increased in space, and also the cover 4 can be decreased in height.

And, the movable blade 13, at the standby position as shown in Fig. 8, slowly goes up the slope 18 outside the stationary blade 10 and moves thereabove without abutting the stationary blade 10.

That is, the movable blade 13 moves along the stationary blade 10, and the standby position of the movable blade 13 is provided outside the stationary blade 10. Accordingly, the movable blade 13 is at the standby position outside the stationary blade 10 when the cover 4 is opened and closed. Thus, trouble such as collision of the stationary blade 10 and the movable blade 13, impeding the opening and closing operation or giving damage to both blades 10 and 13 may be prevented when the cover 4 is opened and closed.

Also, the movable blade 13 moves up at the standby position. Therefore, when the movable blade 13 moves from the standby position with the cover 4 closed, the movable blade 13 approaches the upper surface of the stationary blade 10 from the up position. Accordingly, even when the position of the stationary blade 10 is slightly changed with the cover 4 closed, the movable blade 13 is able to precisely approach thereto from the up position to smoothly cut the printing sheet 2.

There is provided a spring 17 to actuate the movable

blade 13 downward, so that an appropriate relationship may be maintained between the stationary blade 10 and the movable blade 13. Thus, it is possible to smoothly cut the printing sheet 2.

5       The printing sheet 2 is held and carried between the platen roller 12 and the printing section 6 as a gear (not shown) installed in the main body 1 is engaged with gear 19 fixed to the end of shaft 11 of the platen roller 12.

## 10   Industrial Applicability

As described above, the present invention comprises a main body, a storage space for printing sheet, which is disposed in the main body and having a top opening, a cover which is installed at the top opening of the storage space  
 15   and can be freely opened and closed, a printing sheet stored in the storage space, a sheet outlet port formed between the opening end of the cover and the storage space wall opposing thereto, a printing section disposed below the sheet outlet port, and a sheet cutting means disposed below the printing  
 20   section, wherein the sheet cutting means comprises a first cutting blade disposed on the opening end of the cover located below the printing section and a second cutting blade disposed on the main body portion opposing to the first cutting blade. Since the first cutting blade included in the  
 25   sheet cutting means is installed on the opening end of the



cover, the printing sheet is stored in the storage space, and the end of the printing sheet is brought out of the sheet outlet port until at least reaching the printing section before closing the cover. In this way, the first cutting  
5 blade installed on the cover is opposed to the second cutting blade at the main body side, composing the sheet cutting means. As a result, the printing sheet setting operation can be simplified.

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## CLAIMS

1. A printer, comprising:

a main body;

5 a storage space for printing sheet, said storage space being disposed in said main body and having a top opening;

a cover which is installed at said top opening of the storage space and can be freely opened and closed;

a printing sheet stored in said storage space;

10 a sheet outlet port formed between an opening end of the cover and a storage space wall opposing thereto;

a printing section disposed below said sheet outlet port; and

15 a sheet cutting means disposed below said printing section,

wherein said sheet cutting means comprises a first cutting blade disposed on the opening end of said cover located below said printing section and

20 a second cutting blade disposed on the main body portion opposing to said first cutting blade.

2. The printer of claim 1,

wherein said first cutting blade is a stationary blade, and said second cutting blade is a movable blade.

3. The printer of claim 2,  
wherein said movable blade moves along said stationary  
blade, and

5 a standby position of said movable blade is provided  
outside said stationary blade.

4. The printer of claim 3,  
wherein said movable blade moves up at said standby  
10 position.

5. The printer of claim 4,  
wherein there is further provided a spring to actuate said  
movable blade downward.

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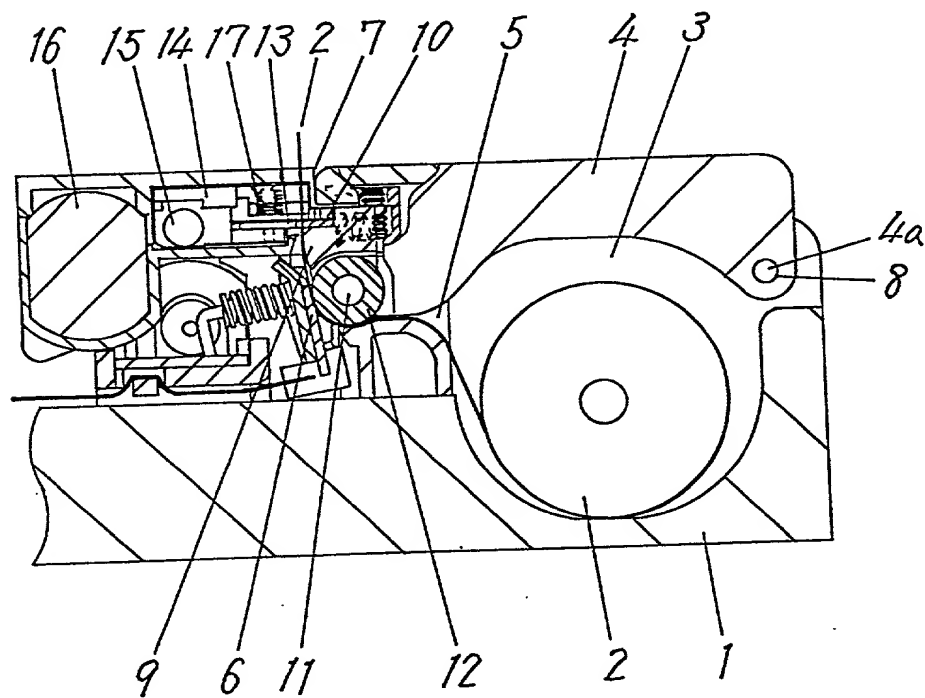
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The present invention simplifies the operation to set the printing sheet in the printer. The present invention includes main body (1), storage space (3) for printing sheet (2), which is disposed in the main body (1) and having a top opening, cover (4) which is installed at the top opening of the storage space (3) and can be freely opened and closed, printing sheet (2) stored in the storage space (3), sheet outlet port (5) formed between the opening end of the cover (4) and the storage space wall opposing thereto, printing section (6) disposed below the sheet outlet port (5), and sheet cutting means (7) disposed below the printing section (6), wherein the sheet cutting means (7) includes stationary blade (10) disposed on the opening end of the cover (4) located below the printing section (6), and movable blade (13) disposed on the main body (1) portion opposing to the stationary blade (10).

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Fig. 1



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Fig. 2

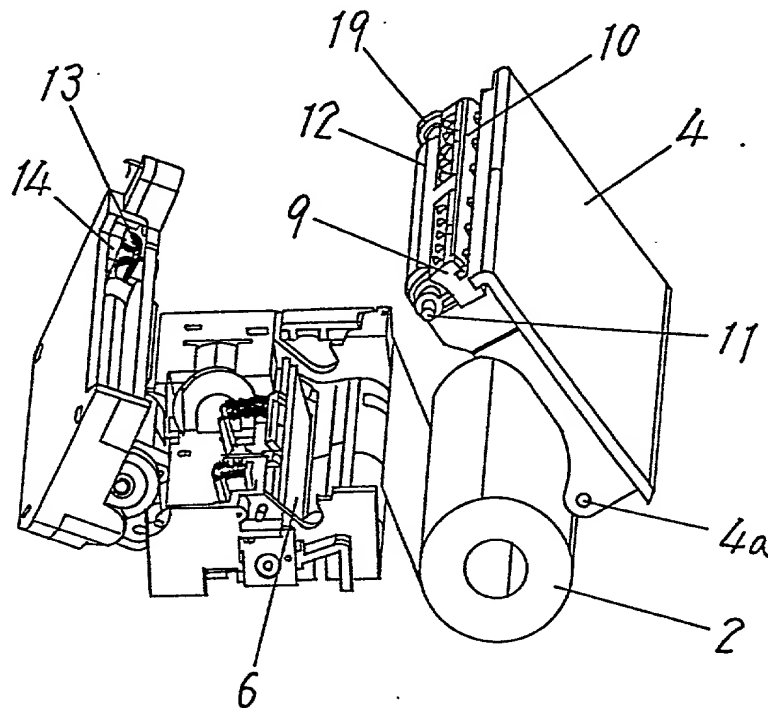
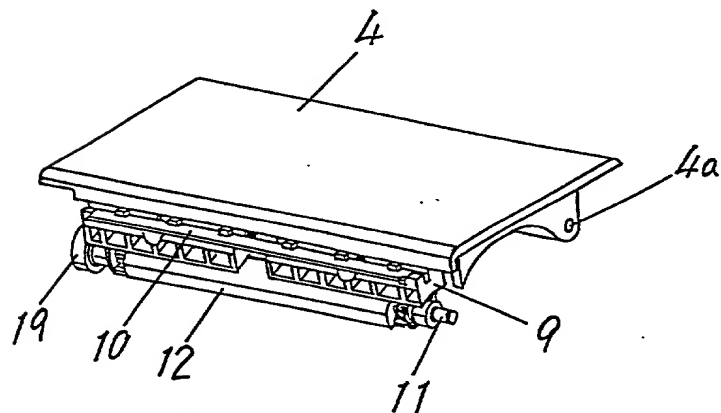


Fig. 3



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Fig. 4

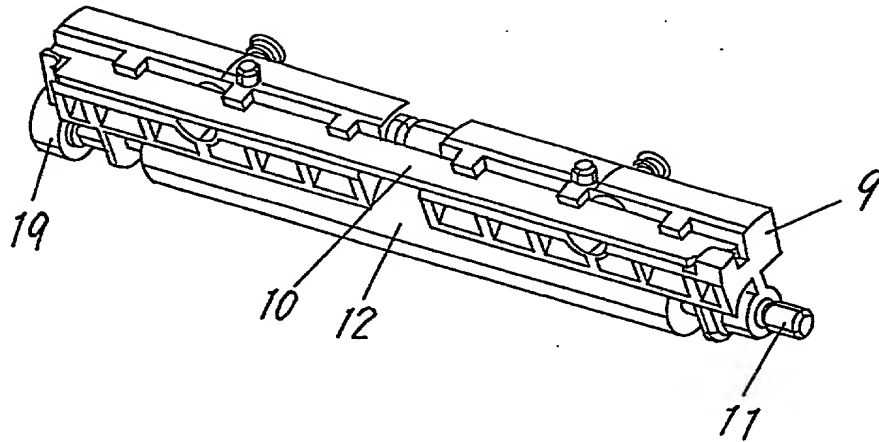


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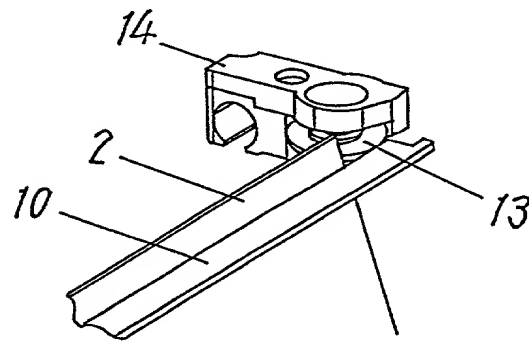
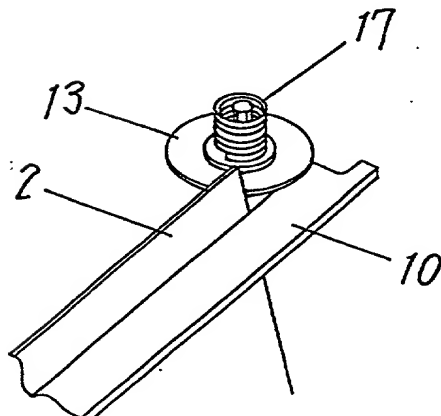


Fig. 6



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Fig. 7

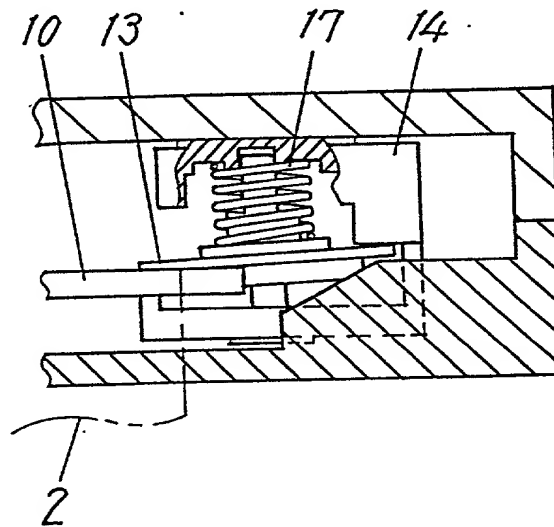
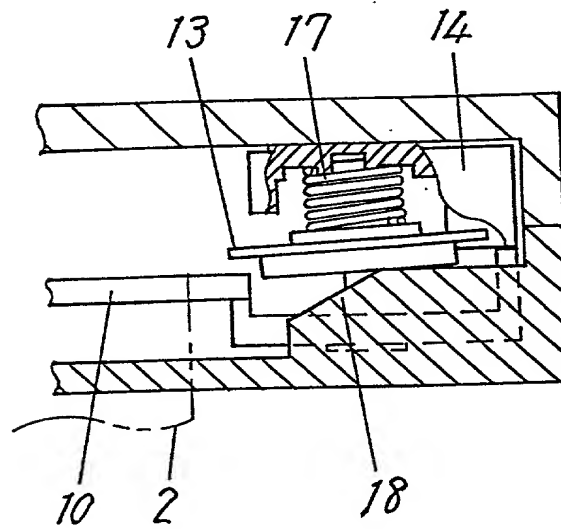


Fig. 8





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**Reference Numerals**

- 1 Main body
- 5 2 Printing sheet
- 3 Storage space
- 4 Cover
- 4a Shaft hole
- 5 Sheet outlet port
- 10 6 Printing section
- 7 Sheet cutting means
- 8 Shaft
- 9 Mounting frame
- 10 Stationary blade
- 15 11 Shaft
- 12 Platen roller
- 13 Movable blade
- 14 Mounting frame
- 15 Screw thread
- 20 16 Motor
- 17 Spring
- 18 Slope
- 19 Gear

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